

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Church Creek</div>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Rt. 16</div>					
CITY OR TOWN:					
STATE: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Maryland</div>			COUNTY: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Dorchester</div>		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Government</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Park</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Educational</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Military</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Museum</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> _____</div> </div>					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Multiple</div>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Dorchester County Courthouse</div>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">High Street</div>					
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Cambridge</div>			STATE: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Maryland</div>		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION					
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE					
<p>The buildings in Church Creek are few and mostly built along the streets of this small crossroads town. They appear to date from the late 18th century, up into the late 19th century. Many dwellings are typical of the county in that they are the usual one and one-half story frame structure but each is different and deserves specific mention for its details. There are also several small two story dwellings which date throughout the 19th century either as separate dwellings or as additions to earlier dwellings. Of interest are also the late 19th century store buildings, the Methodist church, and the two former schools. The town represents a good cross section of rural architecture mostly throughout the 19th century.</p> <p>Buildings included in the inventory of historic dwellings compiled in 1969-71 are the following:</p> <p>D- 41 - Richardson House - probably late 18th century frame one and one-half story dwelling owned by Mr. Leon Jones. The oldest portion appears to be the central portion and west part as the central portion has original paneled shutter and weatherboard.</p> <p>D-150 - Craddock House Site - It was located on the last parcel of land before crossing the upper reaches of Church Creek branch of Fishing Creek. It was the home of Thomas King Carroll.</p> <p>D-174 - Herbert House - A mid-19th century two story frame house with corner pilasters and bracketed cornice with a one and one-half story wing to the rear. Owned in 1877 by D. T. Orem.</p> <p>D-175 - Capt. Fooks House (1877) - This building is three small units, the end units having two windows and central door while the middle section has only one window and door. Each section possesses a dormer. They probably date from the early 19th century. It was owned in 1877 by Capt. Fooks.</p> <p>D-176 - J. Parker House (1877) - This is a three bay long one and one-half story early 19th century frame dwelling with small wing to the rear.</p> <p>D-177 - A. W. Coulson House (1877) - This building is almost identical to the Parker House, except it has two dormers rather than three and the wing is on the same axis as the main part.</p> <p>D-178 - "Stick and Ball" House - This is a relatively plain late 19th century, two story structure with a finely executed stick and ball decoration on the porch. To the rear of the house is a small brick outbuilding.</p>					

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Church Creek is important architecturally because it possesses several vernacular dwellings in good condition representing a good cross section of the vernacular architecture of Dorchester County throughout the 19th century.

In the legislative enactments of 1683, 1688 a town to be called Dorchester Town was established at the present location of Church Creek. It is not mentioned in the enactments of 1706, 1707, 1708 which either means that it was eclipsed by other towns, or that it was already well established.

At some time during its life it was called White Haven, but the date of this name is not mentioned in the written sources. The town apparently grew up around the ship building industry which was so prevalent around the Chesapeake Bay in the early days.

The town is also of importance because it was the home of one of Maryland's Governors: Thomas King Carroll.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones, Elias, History of Dorchester County, 1902.
Laskowski Papers, 1955.
 Raps, John W., Tidewater Towns, Colonial Williamsburg
 Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1972.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		DATE 1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

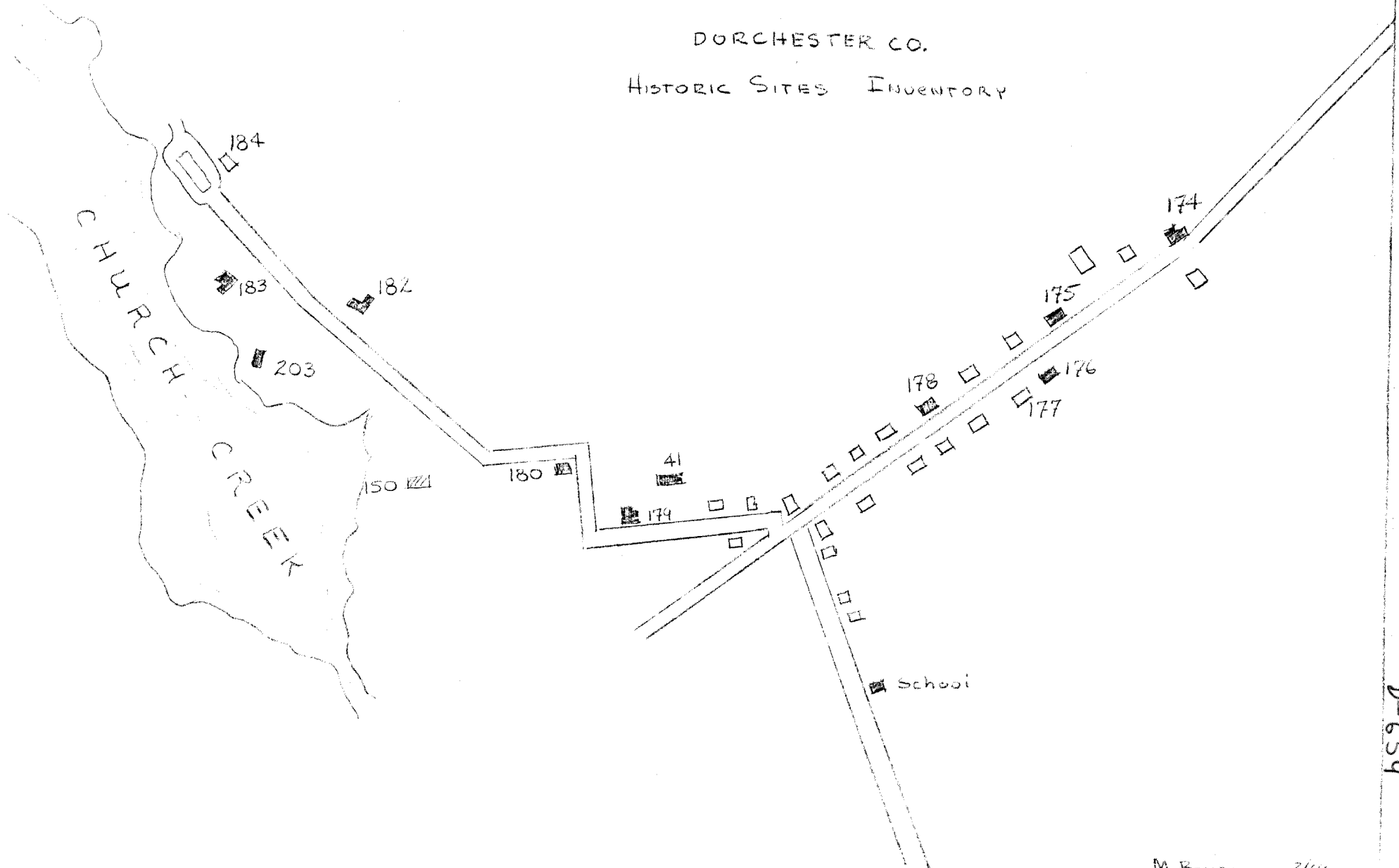
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- D-179 - M.E. Parsonage (1877) - A federal style frame dwelling, two storys in height and three bays long with a one and one-half story, two bay long wing.
- D-180 - Willis House - One of the most interesting early 19th century small dwellings is this one and one-half story dwelling with exposed back of the fireplace. It is two bays long with central door. There is also a one story wing which has an arched motif above a batten door. This was probably an arcade to the kitchen as was the case at the Dr. Dorsey Wyvill House pictured in Elis Jones, History of Dorchester County.
- D-182 - T. Vickers House (1877) - Formerly the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jones, is a handsome mid-19th century, one and one-half story dwelling. It has been moved back from the road about 20 feet. It is three bays long with central door having transom and sidelights. There is also a screened porch. The windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. To the rear is an earlier dwelling forming a hyphen and wing.
- D-183 - White Haven - A handsome combination of two periods is represented in this dwelling. The earliest portion is the one and one-half story portion of it being a Federal period house, with a mid-19th century two story wing. In the 1877 Atlas it was owned by J.M. Willis.
- D-184 - Richardson Graveyard and House - East of the Richardson graveyard is a house similar in composition to the earlier two portions of White Haven on the adjoining property.
- D-203 - Cullen House - This house has been moved from across the creek. It is composed of two seperately built rooms, one with a corner stair, the other with exposed beaded joists and floor boards. It has been remodeled by the present owner.

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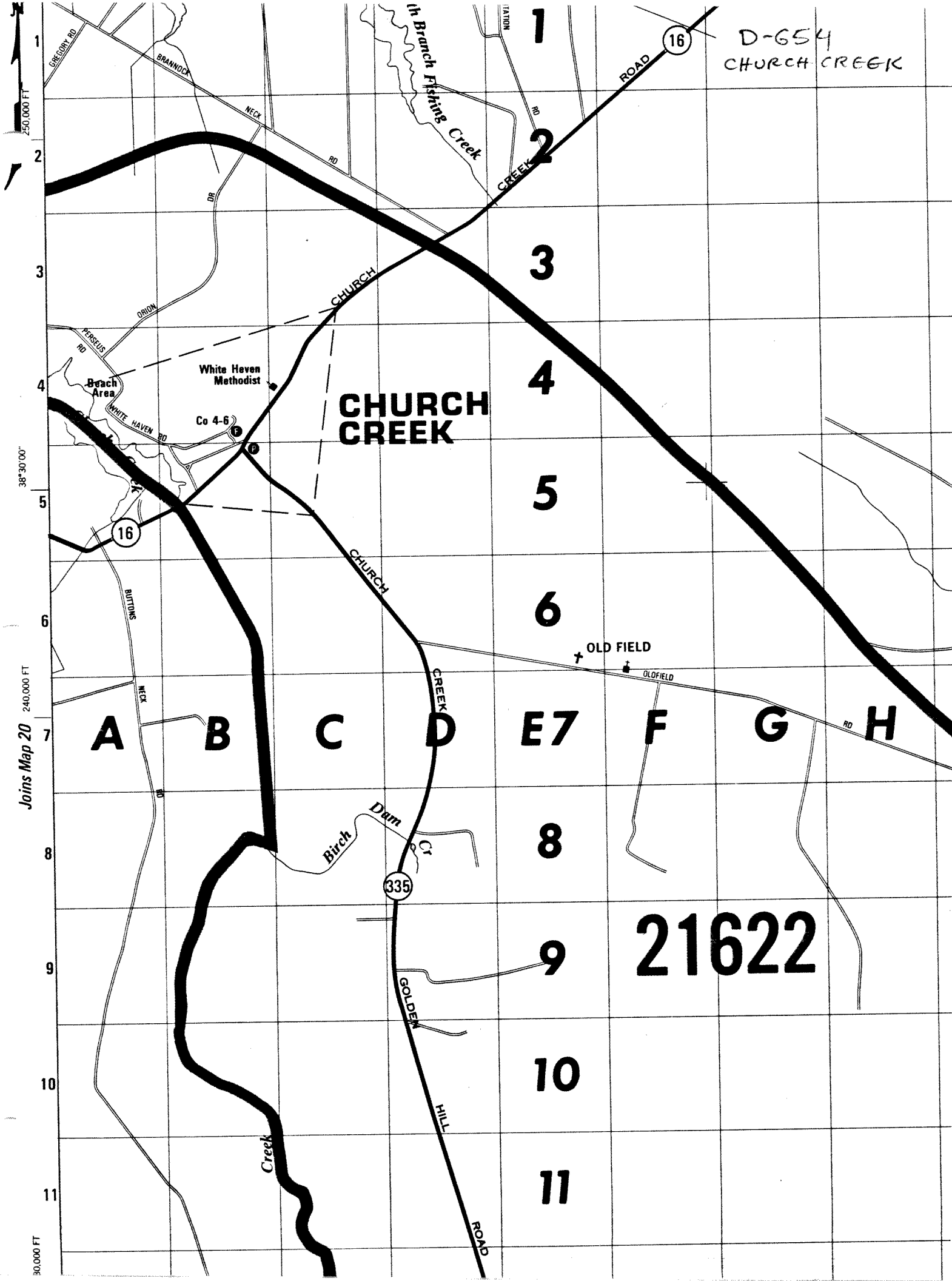
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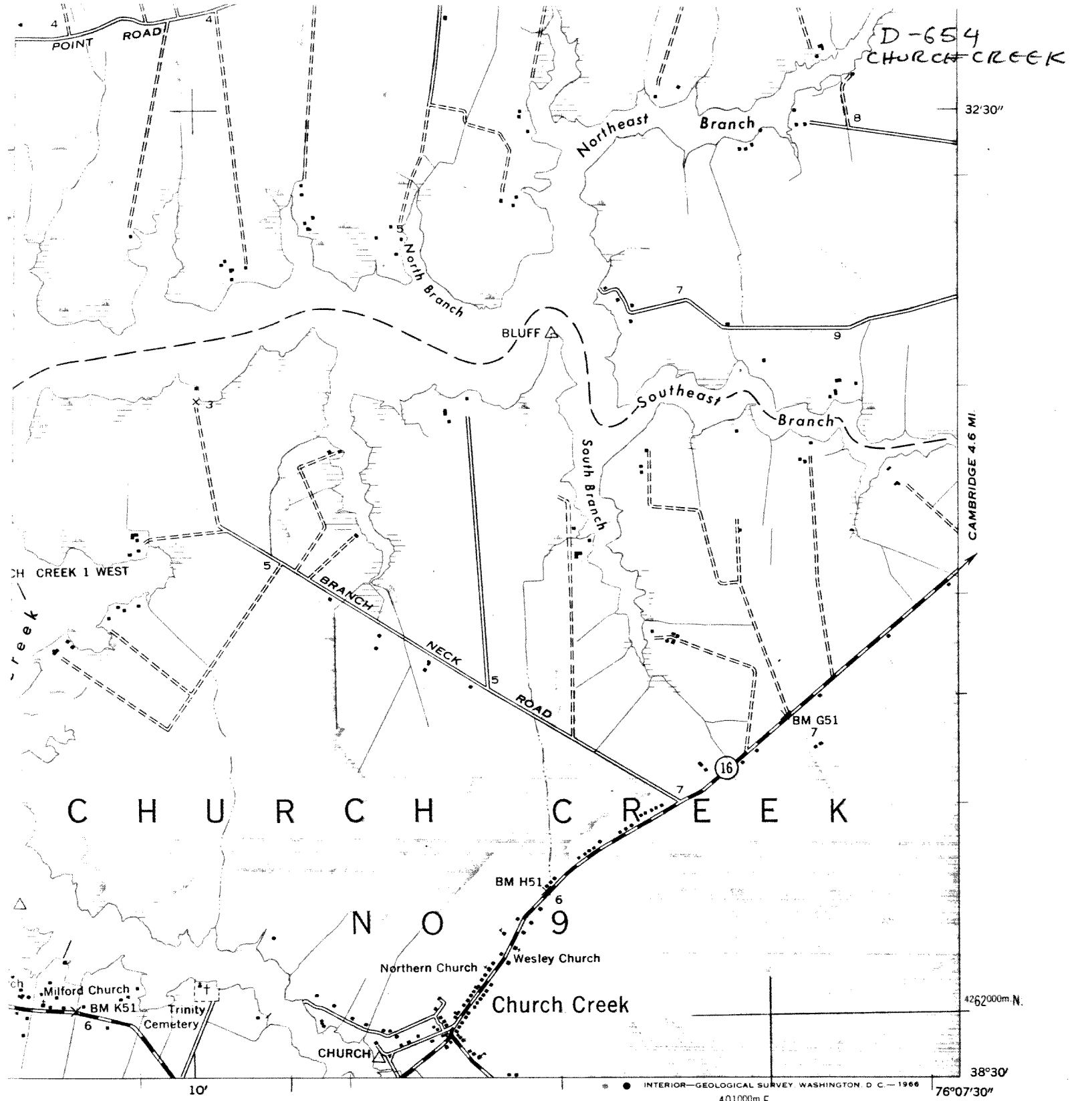
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CHURCH CREEK, MD.
N3830-W7607.5/7.5

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Polyconic projection. North American datum of 1927
Recoverable horizontal control stations of less than
third order accuracy are shown by a circle.
This map complies with the national standard
map accuracy requirements.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C.—1966

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DECLINATION, 1942

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1 KILOMETER

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SHOWN IN BLUE

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Old photo of Church Creek scene

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